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SUBJECT: CSCE: PLANNED FRG PROPOSAL ON TIMING OF STAGE III

FOR EUR/RPM

1. DEPUTY FRG DEL HEAD (VON GROLL) ASKED TO SEE US EVENING OF JULY 2 TO SAY THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD AGREEMENT ON STAGE III IN JULY BEFORE THIS WEEKEND, AS FIRST STEP TOWARD FRG CABINET REVIEW OF CSCE ON JULY 9. FRG DELEGATION, REVIEWING SITUATION IN GENEVA, HAS THEREFORE COME UP WITH A DRAFT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DECISION WHICH THEY PLAN TO PRESENT TO NATO CAUCUS MORNING OF JULY 3 AND WHICH THEY HOPE TO BE ABLE TO TABLE IN COORD-

DINATING COMMITTEE THAT SAME MORNING. DRAFT DECISION READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE DECIDES TO PROPOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND THE 28TH OF JULY AS THE DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CSCE UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THE DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CONSENSUS BY THE 15TH OF JULY AND THUS BE READY FOR PRINTING.

--SHOULD THIS NOT BE POSSIBLE, THE QUESTION OF THE DATE FOR THE THIRD PHASE WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR DECISION. FINANCIAL
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OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND MIGHT HAVE

TO INCUR IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BEING EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.

2. VON GRILL EXPLAINED THAT DRAFT DECISION WAS SIMILAR TO FRENCH PROPOSAL (SEE GENEVA 5107), BUT SIMPLER AND MORE LIKELY TO GAIN CONSENSUS SINCE ALL CSCE TEXTS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETE BEFORE JULY 28 DATE BECAME EFFECTIVE AND THUS ALL DELEGATIONS' POSITIONS WOULD BE PROTECTED. FOR THIS REASON VON GROLL BELIEVES FRG TEXT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO TURKS, DUTCH AND EVEN TO MALTA.

3. VON GROLL SPECIFIED THAT GENSCHER HAS NOT YET APPROVED PRESENTATION OF THE IDEA AT THIS TIME, BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY IN BONN IS TRYING TO OBTAIN THIS APPROVAL TONIGHT (GENSCHER IS NOT IN BONN). HOWEVER, VAN WELL HAS APPARENTLY GIVEN HIS VERBAL APPROVAL TO THE IDEA. IN ADDITION, THIS IDEA WAS, ACCORDING TO VON GROLL, ACCEPTED IN GENERAL TERMS BY EC-NINE CSCE DELEGATION HEADS PRIOR TO JUNE 24 MEETING OF NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG. IT WAS PRESENTED AS A POSSIBLE OPTION IN A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO MINISTERS AT THAT TIME, BUT WAS PUT ASIDE BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES THEN DID NOT SEEM TO WARRANT SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION. VON GROLL SAID HE BELIEVES NINE MINISTERS CAN ACCEPT THIS APPROACH.

4. VON GROLL SAID FURTHER THAT HE HAD TRIED THE IDEA OUT INFORMALLY ON SOVIETS, AND HAD THE IMPRESSION THEY COULD ALSO ACCEPT IT.

5. VON GROLL ASKED IF WE COULD SEND THIS TEXT TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY WITH A VIEW TO BEING ABLE TO JOIN A NATO CAUCUS CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF TABLING IT IN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MORNING OF JULY 3. SINCE IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT FULL CAUCUS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT FRG APPROACH, (WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF TURKEY) WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING AUTHORIZATION TO AGREE TO TABLING OF FRG TEXT MORNING OF JULY 3. DALE

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